



# Lincoln Chapter Association of Government Accountants - Advancing Government Accountability

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## Newsletter – December, 2019

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### Presidents Message

As you are reading this newsletter, I hope that you enjoyed the holiday season and time with your families and you are now finding time to rest and rejuvenate for 2020. WOW – the first thing is to start writing and typing 2020.

The first 2020 Monthly Chapter meeting will be Wednesday, **January 8<sup>th</sup>** (the first Wednesday is the holiday) from 11:45-1:00 at Davnci's 11<sup>th</sup> & G (745 South 11<sup>th</sup>). Phil Olsen, the DAS State Accounting Administrator will be our speaker. More details can be found in this newsletter and on the website.

The downtown Egg & I has closed. Please contact Jeff Filbert or any CEC member with any meeting location suggestions. We are always open to a topic and/or speaker suggestion.

The 19-20 Chapter year moves quickly and ends in May. If you are interested in serving on the Chapter's CEC (Chapter Executive Committee) as either an officer or program director/co-director please contact any current CEC member or me. The CEC is a supportive group and the time commitment is very manageable. Their contact information can be found in the newsletter or on the website.

As a member of the CEC, I have had the opportunity to work with other State and local government employees. I have also attended AGA regional and national training events thanks to financial help from AGA National and our local chapter. Each event offered the opportunity to learn more about my profession, leadership and to network with members from other Chapters and forms of government.

Thank you to all of our members for their support of our recent community service activities - Salvation Army Bell Ringing and Adopt a Family and Wreaths Across America.

Ann Martinez -19-20 Chapter President

## **AGA Lincoln January 2019 Chapter Meeting**

Bring a guest and their lunch is free.

**Date:** Wednesday, January 8

**Time:** 11:45 pm -1:00 pm

**Location:** Davinci's – 11<sup>th</sup> & G Street

**Speaker:** Philip Olsen - Administrator - Administrative Services – Accounting Division

## **Calendar of Events**

### **2020**

January 8 - Wednesday – Chapter Meeting – Davinci's – 11<sup>th</sup> & G Street

January 15 - Wednesday – CEC Meeting – 1526 Building – Room B

February 5 - Wednesday – Chapter Meeting – Location TBD

February 20 - Wednesday – CEC Meeting – 1526 Building – Room B

March 4 - Wednesday – Chapter Meeting – Location TBD

March 18 - Wednesday – CEC Meeting – 1526 Building – Room B

March 18 - Wednesday - AGA National Free Webinar

March 25 – Wednesday – Webinar – Cybersecurity – 1526 LL

April 8 - Wednesday – Chapter Meeting – Location TBD

April 15 - Wednesday – CEC Meeting – 1526 Building – Room B

May 6 - Wednesday – Chapter Meeting – Location TBD

May 14 – Thursday – Spring Professional Development Training At Innovation Campus

May 20 - Wednesday – CEC Meeting – 1526 Building – Room B

June 26 - Thursday - AGA National Free Webinar

## **Spring Professional Development Training (PDT)**

The Spring PDT will be held Wednesday, May 14 at Innovation Campus. Topics and speakers are yet to be decided.

## **Chapter Executive Committee (CEC) Vacancies**

The Director of Professional Certification and President-elect positions are open to be filled for the 2019-2020 AGA year. Please contact Ann if you are interested in joining the CEC.

## AGA Membership Value – Free CPE’s / PDU’s

The Financial Systems Summit 2020 will be January 9<sup>th</sup> in Washington D.C. FSS will bring together government leaders and industry experts to discuss how to improve government services through systems modernization in a budget-constrained environment. Topics will include emerging technologies, organizational change management, cloud technologies, data analytics and cyber security. Registration is free to those attending live in D.C., but more importantly for Lincoln AGA Chapter members is that you can stream the summit online at your home or office also for FREE. The training is worth up to 6 CPE’s or 4.5 PDU’s.

### Why choose the virtual attendee option?

- **No travel required.** Watch key educational sessions in the comfort and convenience of your home or office.
- **Participate despite busy schedule or budget restraints.** If your schedule or budget does not allow for a trip to Washington DC, the virtual attendee option provides a full-scale online educational experience.
- **Earn 6 CPEs & 4.5 PDUs.** All general sessions and selected breakout sessions are available via live stream for a total of 6 CPEs & 4.5 PDUs.
- **View on-demand recordings.** In person and virtual option attendees have access to on-demand recordings of the sessions for up to one year after the event at no additional cost. No need to re-arrange your schedule to view a particular session...access the recording at your leisure!
- **Be a true participant.** Virtual attendees will be able to post questions in each session and participate in polling and discussions in real-time via chat rooms.

Use the link below for more information and to register.

<https://www.agacgfm.org/FSS/FSS-Home.aspx>

## AGA National Free Webinars

AGA members enjoy multiple free learning opportunities throughout the year. AGA National is offering free webinars to members. The dates are March 18, 2020, and June 26, 2020. Learn more about topics, registration, and credit at

<https://www.agacgfm.org/Webinars/Free-Members-only-Webinars.aspx>

## Chapter Recognition Credits

### NATIONAL AGA CHAPTER RECOGNITION PROGRAM

Standing as of the end of the Second Quarter

October 1, 2019 through December 31, 2019

<u>Area</u>	<u>Credits - Reported</u>	<u>Max</u>	<u>%</u>	<u>Credits - Allowable or Claimed to Dare</u>	<u>Credits Remaining to Claim</u>
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Chapter Leadership Planning & Participation	4,400	5,000	88%	4,400	600
Education & Professional Development	1,700	4,000	43%	1,700	2,300
Certification	950	4,000	24%	950	3,050
Communications Membership (includes Young Professionals & Student Members	3,925	3,000	131%	3,000	0
Accountability Community Service	2,200	4,000	55%	2,200	1,800
Awards	1,700	2,000	85%	1,700	300
Sponsorships	1,463	2,000	73%	1,463	537
TOTALS	300	1,000	30%	300	700
	800	1,500	53%	800	700
	<u>17,438</u>	<u>26,500</u>	<u>66%</u>	<u>16,513</u>	<u>9,987</u>

## Lincoln Chapter Facebook

Go to the AGA Lincoln Chapter Facebook page to stay up to date on AGA Lincoln Chapter events.

<https://www.facebook.com/Lincoln-Chapter-Association-of-Government-Accountants-138602086282831/>

## Lincoln Chapter Meeting Minutes – December 4, 2019

The meeting was called to order by our President, Ann Martinez. We met at Tico's, 317 S. 17<sup>th</sup> St, Lincoln, NE.

Ann first asked if any guests or new members were attending. There were none.

Ann then had Jessica Elliott report on behalf of Community Service. There were 14 Wreaths sponsored by AGA members and more via the match program. For the holiday season Adopt-a-Family project a family has been adopted. They have a three year-old daughter and a nine year-old son. The 3 year old daughter would like anything related to Frozen. The 9 year old son would like anything to do with basketball. The 14 year old son likes computer gaming, but not knowing what system they have a Target gift-card would be welcome. For the mother cleaning supplies and blankets would be welcome.

Ann announced that the January Chapter meeting will be held January 8 since the first Wednesday is a holiday. This meeting will be held at daVinci's, 11<sup>th</sup> and G Streets. The speaker will be Philip Olsen, State Accounting Administrator.

Ann announced the spring PDT will held May 14 at Innovation Campus. Topics and speakers are yet to be decided.

Jeff Filbert then introduced the speaker for the day. The speaker was Sue Krogman. She has been with State government for 33 years. She currently works as the Statewide Interoperability Coordinator. This office works to ensure that response to emergencies is fully functional. This includes communications among Nebraska State Patrol, state military, and other emergency services agencies. She mentioned the flood disaster from March 2019 was one of the most expensive for over 50 years. The likelihood for a similar disaster in the spring of 2020 is high since the ground is still so very saturated, levees haven't been rebuilt since last spring, and conditions are very dangerous.

After the program the raffle was conducted. The winner was Melissa Languis of the State Supreme Court office.

With no further business the meeting was adjourned.

Ken Rouch, Secretary

## **Lincoln Chapter CEC Meeting Minutes – December 18, 2019**

Our President, Ann Martinez, opened the meeting at 12:04. A quorum was present.

Ann is prepared to submit Chapter Recognition Points (CRP) by the deadline of December 31. She participated in an AGA Leaders conference call which covered Chapters' best practices. One focus was using current national-AGA approved logos for all communications. The Lincoln Chapter is compliant. There was no report from the Education Director, Ralene Cheng.

Covering Meetings, Jeff Filbert reported that the January meeting will be the 8<sup>th</sup> at daVinci's, 11<sup>th</sup> and G Streets. The speaker will be Philip Olsen, State Accounting Administrator. He will discuss the Comprehensive Annual Financial Report (CAFR) for the State. No details are yet available for the February Chapter meeting.

For Membership and Young Professionals, details were shared about an event proposed for our Chapter to participate. This is the Meet the Firms event at UNL on Tuesday, January 23. Our cost would be \$200. Discussed were the benefits of participating including the idea of our Chapter supporting UNL Accounting Students. Tim Baker moved, and Frank Faughn seconded the motion, for our Chapter to participate. The motion carried.

For Accountability & Outreach we discussed having the Chapter Citizens' Centric Report (CCR) presented or at least discussed at a Chapter meeting. No action was taken.

Tim Channer announced that articles for the next newsletter should be submitted to him by December 30.

There were no reports covering Professional Certification or Community Service.

Tim Baker commented on Corporate Sponsorships. There are three likely to be executed very soon.

The Treasurer's Report was submitted. It was observed our funds balance is recovering from the low of a few years ago. Frank moved and Jeff seconded the motion to accept the report, which passed. Ken commented the Chapter meeting and CEC minutes had been published in the newsletter and asked for comments. Hearing none Frank moved and Tim B seconded approval of the minutes which motion passed.

There were no reports from the Past President nor from our Historian/By-Laws Director.

With no further business the meeting was adjourned.

Ken Rouch, Secretary

## **Members in the News**

If you or someone you know has made a career change, had another significant life experience, or otherwise has news to share please email Frank Faughn – Chapter Membership Director at [frank.faughn@nebraska.gov](mailto:frank.faughn@nebraska.gov)

## **CGFM Apparel**

Looking to purchase a shirt with the CGFM designation? Whether you're at work, out in town, at a conference or on the golf course, show everyone how proud you are of your CGFM designation by wearing CGFM apparel. Buy yours today! Note: White shirts will be embroidered with the red and gold CGFM logo, and red shirts will be embroidered with an all gold logo. A \$5.95 logo embroidery fee will be added to each item purchased.

Please visit the AGA store at: <http://business.landsend.com/store/agamembership>

## **CGFM Study Guides**

The Chapter has purchased new CGFM study guides. Please contact Ann Martinez for more information.

## **Speakers and Topics**

If you have any suggestions for speakers or topics for chapter meetings please call or email Lily Kathee, NMLS MBA 402-471-0601 [Lily.Kathee@nebraska.gov](mailto:Lily.Kathee@nebraska.gov) or Jeff Filbert 402-471-9114 [Jeff.Filbert@nebraska.gov](mailto:Jeff.Filbert@nebraska.gov)

## **Guests**

Bring a guest to a Chapter meeting. They will get a free lunch. If they join you get a free lunch.

## **Email Addresses**

Please remember to send any email address changes to Tim Channer so the mailing list can be updated. Thanks

**TREASURER'S REPORT**

2019-2020

**Year 6-2018 to 5-2019                      Budget      To Date      Remaining**

November 1, 2019                      \$13,420.87

Receipts:

Spring Conference	\$7,390.00	\$0.00	(\$7,390.00)
Fall Conference	\$7,390.00	\$4,430.00	(\$2,960.00)
Other Educational Events	\$600.00	\$50.00	(\$550.00)
Corporate Sponsors	\$2,000.00	\$0.00	(\$2,000.00)
Misc. Income	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Interest Income	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
<b>Total Receipts:</b>	<b>\$17,380.00</b>	<b>\$4,480.00</b>	<b>(\$12,900.00)</b>

Receipts:

Fall PDT	\$0.00
Other Educational Events	\$0.00
CD-Deposit	\$0.00
Miscellaneous	\$0.00
Interest Income	\$0.00
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<b>Total Receipts</b>	<b>\$0.00</b>

Disbursements:

Spring Professional Train.	\$4,000.00	\$0.00	\$4,000.00
Fall Professional Train.	\$6,220.00	\$1,794.64	\$4,425.36
Education-Non-PDT	\$2,105.00	\$0.00	\$2,105.00
National PDT	\$2,750.00	\$2,409.32	\$340.68
Membership Support	\$800.00	\$119.97	\$680.03
Early Careers	\$800.00	\$0.00	\$800.00
Communications-Website	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Chapter Leadership	\$100.00	\$76.00	\$24.00
Certification	\$850.00	\$338.44	\$511.56
Accountability and Outreach	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Community Service	\$125.00	\$0.00	\$125.00
Chapter Award	\$100.00	\$66.04	\$33.96
	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
<b>Total Disbursements:</b>	<b>\$17,850.00</b>	<b>\$4,804.41</b>	<b>\$13,045.59</b>

Disbursements:

Fall PDT	\$0.00
National-PDT	\$0.00
Member Support	\$33.32
Community Service	\$0.00
Chapter Leadership	\$2.00
Certification	\$0.00
Chapter Award	\$0.00
Education Non-PDT	\$0.00
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<b>Total Disbursements</b>	<b>\$35.32</b>

November 30, 2019                      \$13,385.55

Checking	\$13,385.55
Certificates of Deposit	\$0.00
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<b>Total</b>	<b>\$13,385.55</b>

**2019-2020 CHAPTER OFFICERS AND BOARD MEMBERS**

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